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**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2013 12:28 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Patrick  
**Subject:** Malibu schools contamination clean up

Dear Mr. Armann and Mr. Wilson,

As I previously discussed with Mr. Armann by email and telephone, PEER represents the “Concerned Malibu/Cabrillo Teachers,” consisting of close to 30 teachers and staff at Malibu Middle and High School and Cabrillo Elementary School. We are concerned about the testing and clean-up of classrooms which has suddenly been scheduled to begin tomorrow, during winter break, purportedly in accordance with plans and protocols approved by you. According to the memo from Sandra Lyon, the Superintendent of Schools, “Mr. Armann will personally oversee the review and approval of our testing and cleaning protocols, as well as the verification sampling results.”

Our concerns are:

1. There is no posted protocol for the cleanup. SMUSD states that the work is being done to Region 9 specifications and directs all questions to Region 9. Please tell us how the cleanup is designed and whether it meets relevant EPA protocols.
2. There has been no stated provision for worker safety in this cleanup. Unlike previous hazardous material removals, what steps are being taken to protect the workers in this cleanup?
3. Is the clean-up being conducted by an EPA-certified contractor? If so, by what firm?

We would appreciate answers to these questions before the testing and clean-up activities begin.

Thank you.

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